

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the Application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of performing distributed testing of a target comprising the steps of:

identifying ~~at least one a first and a second~~ system which meets a predetermined criteria including a physical location of said system, said first system having a different owner than an owner of said target and an owner of said second system;

scheduling ~~said at least one~~ of said first and said second system to provide load to said target;

deploying said at least one of said first and said second system at the scheduled time, said at least one of said first and said second system providing load to said target.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said target comprises a web site.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said target comprises a software component.

4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein said predetermined criteria further include additional criteria selected from the group comprising: sizes of said systems, speeds of said systems, and availability of said systems.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said at least one of said first and said second system provides load across a network to said target.
6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 further including the step of defining a catalog of potential systems which meet said predetermined criteria and wherein said step of identifying at least one of a first and second system is performed from said catalog of potential systems.
7. (Original) The method of claim 3 wherein said software component is selected from the group consisting of EJB, Corba, COM, DCOM and COM+.
8. (Original) The method of claim 5 wherein said network comprises the Internet.
9. (Original) The method of claim 6 wherein said catalog is dynamic.
10. (Original) The method of claim 6 wherein said catalog is static.
11. (Currently Amended) A method of performing distributed monitoring of a target comprising the steps of:
- identifying ~~at least one~~ a first and a second system which meets a predetermined criteria including a physical location of said system, said first system having a different owner than said target and an owner of said second system;
 - scheduling ~~said at least one~~ of said first and said second system to monitor said target; and
 - deploying ~~said at least one~~ of said first and said second system at the scheduled time, said system providing monitor functions to said target.

12. (Original) The method of claim 11 wherein said target comprises a web site.
13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 11 wherein said predetermined criteria further include additional criteria selected from the group comprising: sizes of said at least one of said first and said second system, speeds of said at least one of said first and said second system, and availability of said at least one of said first and said second system.
14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 11 wherein said at least one of said first and said second system provides monitor functions across a network to said target.
15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 11 further including the step of defining a catalog of potential system which meet said predetermined criteria and wherein said step of identifying at least one of a first and a second system is performed from said catalog of potential systems.
16. (Original) The method of claim 14 wherein said network comprises the Internet.
17. (Original) The method of claim 15 wherein said catalog is dynamic.
18. (Original) The method of claim 15 wherein said catalog is static.
19. (Currently Amended) A computer program product for performing distributed load testing of a target comprising a computer usable medium having computer readable code thereon, including program code which:

identifies ~~at least one~~ a first and a second system which meets a predetermined criteria including a physical location of said first and said second system;

schedules ~~said~~ at least one of said first and said second system to provide load to said target; and

deploys ~~said~~ at least one of said first and said second system at the scheduled time, said at least one of said first and said second system providing load to said target.

20. (Original) The computer program product of claim 19 wherein said target comprises a web site.

21. (Original) The computer program product of claim 19 wherein said target comprises a software component.

22. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 19 wherein said predetermined criteria further includes criteria selected from the group comprising: sizes of said at least one of said first and said second system, speeds of said at least one of said first and said second system, and availability of said at least one of said first and said second system.

23. (Original) The computer program product of claim 19 wherein said systems provide load across a network to said target.

24. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 19 further comprising program code for defining a catalog of potential systems which meet said predetermined criteria and wherein said program code for identifying said at least one of said first and said second system is performed from said catalog of potential systems.

25. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 21 wherein said software component is selected from the group consisting of EJB, Corba, COM, DCOM, and COM+.

26. (Original) The computer program product of claim 23 wherein said network comprises the Internet.

27. (Original) The computer program product of claim 24 wherein said catalog is dynamic.

28. (Original) The computer program product of claim 24 wherein said catalog is static.

29. (Currently Amended) A computer program product for performing distributed monitoring of a target comprising computer usable medium having computer readable code thereon, including program code which:

identifies ~~at least one~~ a first and a second system which meets a predetermined criteria including a physical location of said system;

schedules said at least one of said first and said second system to provide load to said target; and

deploys said at least one of said first and said second system at the scheduled time, said at least one system providing monitor functions to said target.

30. (Original) The computer program product of claim 29 wherein said target comprises a web site.

31. (Original) The computer program product of claim 29 wherein said target comprises a software component.

32. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 29 wherein said predetermined criteria further include criteria selected from the group comprising: sizes of said at least one of said first and said second system, speeds of said at least one of said first and said second system, and availability of said at least one of said first and said second system.

33. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 29 further comprising program code for defining a catalog of potential systems which meet said predetermined criteria and wherein said program code for identifying said at least one of a first and a second system is performed from said catalog of potential systems.

34. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 29 wherein said software component is selected from the group consisting of EJB, CORBA, COM, DCOM, and COM+.

35. (Original) The computer program product of claim 29 wherein said systems provide load across a network to said target.

36. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 35 wherein said network comprises the Internet.